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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the claims, please amend the Application as follows:

In the Specification:

After the "Background of the Invention", and prior to "Field of the Invention", please insert:

-- Related Applications: This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial

*b2* No. 09/507,141, filed February 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,328,720.--

Please replace the originally filed application with the substitute application attached hereto.

The application included the amendment regarding the related applications and complies with the new formatting specifications, but contains no new matter.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 through 20, and add claims 21 through 40 as follows:

*B17* 21. (New) An enterostomy device comprising:

a hollow stoma tube having a first end and a second end and a long axis extending therebetween; a low-profile port hub secured to said first end of said stoma tube for selectively providing ingress

and egress of fluids through said stoma tube, the low-profile port hub having an opening disposed perpendicular to the hollow stoma tube;

a retaining member attached to said second end of said stoma tube and extending therefrom, said retaining member having an inflatable ring portion spaced away from the second end; and an inflation line positioned in proximity to said stoma tube and being in fluid communication with said inflatable ring of said retaining member.

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